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• (U) Embassy Bujumbura confirmed that the first C-141 evacuation plane will leave Bujumbura between 0700 and 0900 local time (0100 and 0300 EDT) April 10 for Nairobi. If the last two overland convoys from Kigali arrive early enough in the afternoon, the second evacuation plane will also leave for Nairobi April 10. (Embassy Bujumbura/TFRW01 telcon).

• (C) As of 2330 April 9, Belgian Embassy Washington reported that 250 Belgian troops were in Djibouti, 357 were in Nairobi, and another 54 were on route to Nairobi. The Government of Belgium will meet at 0300 EDT to decide how the troops will get into Kigali. Once the troops are on the ground, the GOB will decide on how best to evacuate the approximately 1,500 Belgian civilians believed to be in Rwanda. Some 429 Belgian troops remain as part of UNAMIR. The Belgian reinforcements brought in for evacuation of civilians will not integrate into any UNAMIR command. (Belgian Embassy Washington/TFRW01 telcon).

• (U) Task force spoke with Embassy Kigali communicator by phone at 2235 EDT. He reported that it was quiet around the Embassy, and that preparations were complete for the departure of the convoys. (Embassy Kigali/TFRW01 telcon).

• (U) Radio France International reported that most parts of Kigali are controlled by the Presidential Guard, and that RPF forces are still resisting near the airport. RPF troops are still advancing on Kigali. CNN reported at 2200 EDT that the RPF was only 4 miles from Kigali. This information has not been confirmed.

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